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1835-1837/1870's

719-737 S. Hanover St. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The east side of the 700 block of S. Hanover St. is improved by a row of 2 1/2 story brick houses built for a working class market in 1835-1837 by William G. Read and his wife Sophia Howard Read on property allotted to her in the division of the real estate of her father John Eager Howard. The houses are two bays wide and two rooms deep, with dormer windows, and are typical of the type of late versions of Federal-style houses built in the area in the late 1830's and early 1840's. 721, 725-727, and 729-733 S. Hanover St. all remain in close to their original condition, although the facade of the latter group has been stuccoed. 719 and 723 S. Hanover St. were enlarged and remodeled after the Civil War and now are three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. The large three story high, six bay wide brick corner building at 735-737 S. Hanover St. with its Italianate-style bracketed cornice and hooded lintels, represents either a replacement or enlargement of the original 2 1/2 story houses on the site and was built in the 1870's to serve the same combined commercial/residential function that it does today.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

723 S. Hanover St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER: restoration

contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, two bay brick building with shed roof and Italianate style cornice, represents, like its neighbor 719 S. Hanover St., an enlargement of an original 2 1/2 story house that formed part of a group of such houses lining this side of Hanover St.

Like 719 S. Hanover St. and its 2 1/2 story neighbors along Hanover St., this 12 1/2' wide, three story building is constructed of Flemish bond brickwork on its facade. Its shed roof is capped by a cornice of Italianate design consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding with cut-work scalloped decoration and two lower panels of cut-work vine designs centering on round medallions. Three carved wooden brackets support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip decorated with rounded dentils, thus forming a plain brick frieze. A double covered pointed arch chimney rises on the south side of the building. The window openings of the second and third floors are surmounted by segmentally arched brick lintels, filled with scroll sawed tympanum. The sills are wood. No sash remains and all of the openings are boarded.

The first floor of the structure has been converted into a storefront of Italianate design, probably contemporarily with the overall enlargement and re-decoration. A projecting three panel bay window (now boarded up) and a recessed doorway with modern door surmounted by a single light transom resting on a row of dentils, are surmounted by a deeply projecting Italianate style cornice running the entire width of the building. This cornice is similar in design to the roof cornice, with a crown molding decorated with cut-work scalloped motifs, supported by six carved modillions. The panels between the modillions are decorated with cut-outs of star design. Two large carved brackets frame the doorway transom, with two more framing the wide shop window.

The interior of 723 S. Hanover is much the same as that of 719 S. Hanover. A finely detailed painted wood mantelpiece survives in the first floor back room. It is somewhat Italianate in character, with a stepped back mantel shelf, and recessed panels forming the frieze and supporting "columns." For more detail on the floor plan see under 719 S. Hanover St.

The similarity of the decorative details on the exterior cornices of 719 and 723 S. Hanover St. suggest that the same woodworker or supplier was used for both houses.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1835

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Developed by Wm. G. Read

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being one of a group of 2 1/2 story houses with dormer windows built along this side of Hanover St. in the late 1830's by Wm. G. Read, the son-in-law of John Eager Howard, on land allotted to his wife Sophia Read in the division of the real estate of her father. The houses are interesting for their late use of the Federal style, but this particular house was later enlarged to a full three stories in height and now has a shed roof and Victorian bracketed cornice. At the time the house was enlarged the first floor area was turned into a store-front.

Five years after the house was built it was sold for \$800.¹ The house is an example of the type of inexpensive housing built in the area for the growing number of workers moving into Federal Hill to work in waterfront-related jobs. The scale and floor plan of the house follow the pattern established for earlier working class housing in the area.

¹ Baltimore City
Land Records, Liber TK 299/Folio 144 (May 27, 1840)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

2/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

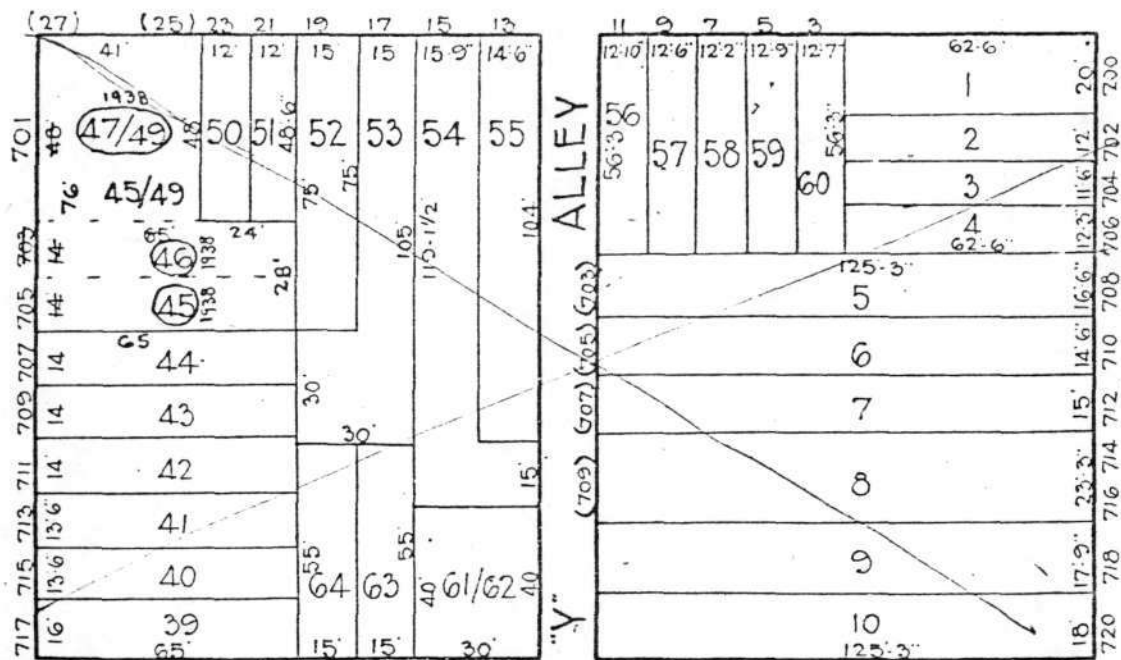
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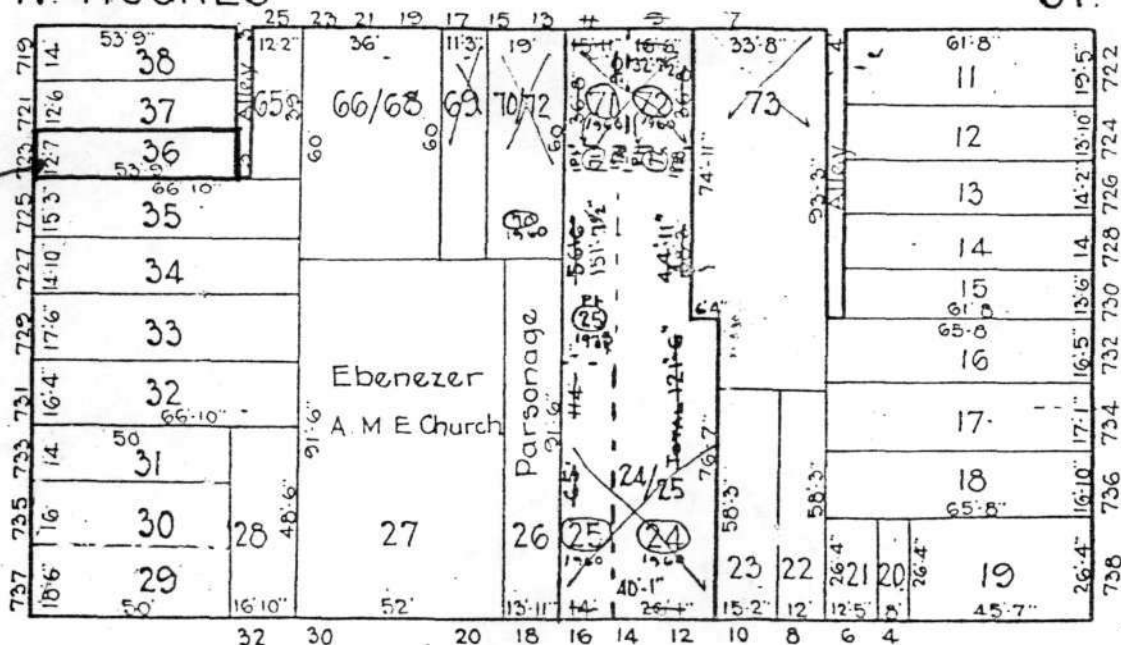
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W. HUGHES

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723 S. Hanover St.

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West elevation